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## How They Worked to Save the Potomac.

The last issue of the Bay of Islands N. F., Western Star of April 8, tell the following tale of how aid was sent to the imprisoned Potomac:

The party who took the pump north to the Potomac, arrived hom Sunday evening, except John LeMoine, who stayed at Port au Choix to attend to some matters of supplies for the ship. The party consisted of Absolam Wells, John Pennell, James O'Rourke, Wm. LeMoine, Alphonse DeLaroche. Having made the tramp from Port au Choix, which place they left at 2.30 p. m., on Tuesday, 31st ult., to Curling, a distance of 164 miles, in five days.

The party left Curling on March 15, with two large iron pumps, weighing about 200 pounds each, to be used in case there should be water in the Potomac. After three days of hard travelling they reached Bonne Bay on the 17th. They then proceeded to Sally's Cove, which place they reached on the 19th. Here they met a storm of wind, rain and sleet, which prevented them proceeding further till next day when they proceeded to Cow Head, arriving there 4 p. m., during a fierce snow storm with the wind from the W. N. W. and travelling extremely bad. There they received information that the Potomac had been driven off and was then 3 miles W. of Spirity Cove.

Although a big snow storm was raging the party proceeded on their way and reached Portland Creek on the 21st, and next day reached Spirity Cove. The Potomac was then still drifting towards the Straits of Belle Isle and was last seen off Flat Island. The party pushed on North the next day to Port au Choix. On the 25th, hearing the ship was off the Eastern Twins, the party proceeded next day over the ice to the ship, arriving there at 1.10 in the afternoon. They found Carter and party on board and the engine in working order, with fire under one boiler. There was no water in the ship. The ship having been put where she was under steam. That night they visited Ferrole and returned to Port au Choix next day, where they remained till ordered to Curling.

They inform us that the Potomac is in good condition, not leaking, engines working well, with about ten tons of coal on board; steam is being kept up by wood fire; teams hauling it on board daily. As soon as ice clears off the ship will be steamed to Port au Choix, where about twenty-five tons of coal await her.

In all the party travelled all but four hundred miles, or to be exact, 390. But in all their tramp, the two miles from Fox Island to the ship equalled in hardship to all the rest. They found the ice mountainous, and the work of hauling the sleighs with the pumps on up over the pinnacles of ice was a most laborious task. They speak very highly of all the people along the coast, for their many kindnesses and hospitality to travellers.

### Sch. Teazer at Edgartown.

Sch. Teazer was at Edgartown yesterday and baited. She had 3000 weight of halibut on board.

Sch. Georgia also baited there yesterday.

### Pensacola Fishing News.

With one of the largest catches of mackerel for the season, the auxiliary sch. Sadie Cohron arrived Friday afternoon. The schooner brought 16,000 pounds, the entire catch being taken by the E. E. Saunders Company. Other smaller catches were reported during the last few days, a total of about 50,000 pounds having been supplied to local shippers recently.

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## TWO GOOD TRIPS IN HERE TODAY

### Sch. Agnes Has 25,000 Halibut and Esperanto 100,000 Pounds of Cod.

An odd visitor here yesterday was the steam trawler Spray, which came down from Boston with 80,000 pounds of big trip to take out to split. It was the second steam trawler to come here this year, and the trip went to the Slade Gorton branch of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Another arrival yesterday afternoon was sch. Agnes, Capt. Ernest Engstrom, from a three weeks' halibuting trip with 25,000 pounds and a few salt and fresh shack. The New England Fish Company were the buyers of the halibut, paying 11 cents for white and 9 cents for grays.

Sch. Esperanto, Capt. Hugh Quinlan has another fare from "The Peak," her haul being for 100,000 pounds fresh cod and 3000 weight fresh halibut.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Agnes, Western Bank, 25,000 lbs. fresh halibut, 5000 lbs. salt cod, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Esperanto, "The Peak," 100,000 lbs. fresh cod, 3000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Sch. Little Fannie, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Spray, via Boston, 80,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gertrude T., gill netting 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Str. Spray, Boston.

### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

#### Salt Fish.

Handline Georges codfish, large, \$5 per cwt.; medium, \$4; snappers, \$3.

Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$5; medium, \$4.50.

Georges halibut, codfish, large, \$5.50; mediums, \$4.50.

Cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.50.

Haddock, \$2.00.

Hake, \$2.00.

Pollock, \$1.75.

### Fresh Fish.

Splitting prices:

Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.

Cod, large, \$2.25; medium, \$1.85; snappers, 75c.

All codfish, not gilled, 10c per 100 pounds less than the above.

Hake, \$1.10.

Cusk, large, \$1.75; medium, \$1.25; snappers, 50c.

Pollock, 90c.

Fresh halibut, 11c per lb. for white, and 9c gray.

## FALLING OFF IN RECEIPTS

### Prices Good on Cod and Shore Haddock—Off Shores Low and Go Slow.

Arrivals at the new fish pier since yesterday were few and receipts showed quite a falling off. The largest fares were schs. Adeline, 85,000 pounds; Eleanora DeCosta, 35,000 pounds; Mary C. Santos, 37,000 pounds; Valerie, 35,000 pounds.

Prices continue low, wholesale quotations being \$1.50 to \$4 a hundred for haddock, \$4 to \$5 for large cod, \$3 for market cod, \$2.50 to \$4.50 for hake, \$3.50 for pollock and \$1.75 for cusk.

#### Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. W. M. Goodspeed, 9000 haddock, 1900 cod, 5000 hake, 4000 cusk.

Sch. Adeline, 30,000 haddock, 30,000 cod, 20,000 hake, 5000 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Eva and Mildred, 35,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 10,000 hake, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Olivia Sears, 1900 cod.

Sch. Waltham, 3500 haddock, 1200 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Eleanora DeCosta, 26,000 haddock, 9000 cod.

Sch. Valerie, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Mary C. Santos, 25,000 haddock, 12,000 cod.

Sch. Edith Silveria, 8000 haddock, 800 cod.

Haddock, \$1.50 to \$4 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$5; market cod, \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$4.50; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$1.75.

#### Digby Fishing News.

Arrivals at the Maritime Fish Corporation: Sch. Albert J. Lutz, 56,000 lbs. haddock; 8000 lbs. cod; 1650 lbs. of cusk; 800 hake; 238 halibut.

Arrivals at D. Sproule & Company's last week: 2140 lbs. of mixed fish from boats shipped 126 boxes finnan haddies, 4200 lbs. of cod, 7125 lbs. of hake.

Sch. Albert J. Lutz, Capt. John Apt, which arrived early Tuesday morning with about 66,000 lbs. mixed fish, purchased by the Maritime Fish Corporation, has been towed to Port Wade by the ferry boat Port Wade, where she will be painted, and placed in her summer rig, ready for an Anticosti halibut trip.

#### Halibut Sale.

The halibut fare of sch. Agnes sold to the New England for 11 cents for white and nine cents for gray.

## NOVA SCOTIA FISHERS LOST

With her flag flying at half mast the Lunenburg fishing schooner Associate, Captain Albert Backman, which has been here on several occasions, arrived at Lunenburg, Monday from the Banks and reports the loss of three of her crew. They were all young Nova Scotians, and they lost their lives while setting their trawls. The victims were two brothers named Cleaveland, and a man named Rafuse, all belonging to Blandford, Lunenburg County.

There was quite a sea on and one of the Cleavelands was engaged in hauling trawl. The captain sent the other two men to assist him, and it is supposed they struck the dories capsizing them.

Owing to fog the accident was not witnessed from the vessel, but when the weather cleared the capsized dories were found.

### A FISHERMEN'S INSTITUTE.

Another of Dr. Grenfell's Practical Efforts Opened for Service.

A tablet has been unveiled recently at the New Grenfell Fishermen's Institute in St. John's, Newfoundland. The inscription was written by Dr. Henry van Dyke, now the United States Minister to the Netherlands, and reads as follows: "The house was built for the welfare of seamen by the gifts of many friends inspired and united by the Christian work of Wilfred T. Grenfell, Missionary on the Coast of Newfoundland and Labrador." Exercises were held in Grenfell hall. The governor was the principal speaker. He pointed out the fact that Grenfell has had a life training for his mission of good to his fellowmen, "not one of those enthusiasts whose purpose burns up their physique," has been here 22 years and we can enumerate five hospitals, the large with 40 beds at St. Anthony, mission schools and orphanage with now orphans, besides many other issues of importance and value. He has established co-operative stores, pioneered fish farming and has now introduced the reindeer. The governor gave an elaborate resume of Grenfell's philanthropic services and added that at a recent three hours interview with him he felt thoroughly "lifted up." In this week's marine disaster, which many of the Grenfell beneficiaries suffered, the Labrador people will appreciate more than ever the value of this Fishermen's Institute. The enterprise, much to the surprise of many Labrador conservatives, is entirely sound financially and is paying all its own current expenses. The arrangements for the sealers have been a feature at the Institute. Captain Kean at one of these functions gave for a rising demonstration as to the value of this whole ministry, and the whole assembly of several hundred men rose with enthusiasm.



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### Foreign Mackerel.

The demand for jobbing lots of spot Norways is fairly active and the market is strong, with a tendency toward higher prices, though no actual advance has taken place at the date of writing, says the Fishing Gazette. Reports from Norway of a probable combination of leading shippers, under government sanction, has had a stiffening effect and stocks here are being rapidly reduced. We imagine that an advance is due at no distant date. A letter from Strohmeier & Arpe, dated March 31, says: "Nothing new has developed in regard to the Norwegian mackerel situation since our last report. We have addressed an open letter to the fishermen in Norway and Sweden and this letter has been reprinted in practically all the Norwegian and Swedish papers and has naturally created quite a lot of controversy. As a whole we have recommended to the fishermen to stand on their own feet and not sell themselves body and soul to a combination who would control buying and selling prices."

### Early Arrivals at Lunenburg.

The recent arrivals at Lunenburg, N. S., from the Grand Banks report the weather cold, the seas rough, and fish plentiful. The schooner Jennie E. Duff, Capt. Wambach, with 250 quintals arrived in port late on Saturday night, having had the rudder carried away with a heavy sea on the Banks. Capt. Wambach was able to navigate all the way home without steering gear of any kind, by simply manipulating his sails, which is considered a feat in seamanship.

Some of the Catches—The following vessels have also arrived and their fares are:

	Qtls.
Warren Winters, Silver, .....	300
Muriel Winters, Winters, .....	400
Jennie Duff, Wambach, .....	250
M. M. Gardner Bachman, .....	400
W. T. Wight, Knock, .....	450
Lillian Corkum, Corkum, .....	350
R. L. Borden, Himmelman, .....	450
Revenue, Moshman, .....	400

### Land Halibut at Halifax.

Several schooners arrived at Halifax Tuesday with large catches and to replenish their stores and take on bait. The Nova Scotia schooner Ella May brought in a particularly fine catch of 27,000 pounds of halibut and 5,000 shuck, which was sold to the North Atlantic fisheries, the crew sharing \$92 to a man. The cook of the vessel who did a little bit of fishing on his own hook, cleared \$121. The Ella May left Halifax on March 24, and for a three week trip at this time of the season is a splendid fare. Very rough weather was experienced on the banks, causing slight damage to some of the deck fittings.

The schooner Delwanna brought in a fair catch of some 17,000 pounds, which was sold to Boutillier's fish market.

Another vessel, the Hazel S. Ritcey, arrived with a cargo of 200 quintals of salt fish and some 300 pounds of haddock. Besides these a few other schooners put in with fairly good sized fares.

Seven schooners cleared Monday for the banks, the D. G. Eisnor, the Hazel S. Ritcey, the Falka, the Millie Louise, the Ella May, the Delawanna, and the Commonwealth.

### Chance for Herring Cures in British Columbia.

Reports from Canadian markets indicate that fresh fish is scarce in the East, and that lobsters are almost unobtainable.

A writer in "The Fishing News," a Scottish paper, claims that a great opportunity for some enterprising curer or curers of herring exists in British Columbia. The article goes on to say: "The herrings are on the coast all right, and right on the low shore at that. Out in the gulf the water is alive with them, and a steam drifter would soon put its nets to the bottom. The demand, unfortunately, is all local for sale in the city either as fresh or kippered, and until the field for cured herring is exploited the prospects for the fishermen are just bread and butter. With regard to the herrings themselves, they are of very good quality in size and appearance resembling most of all Yarmouth herring. Fishermen have told me that out in the gulf they have seen very large herring playing, but on the in-shore the size is medium. An idea can be had of the quantity caught on the sandbanks in from 6 to 15 fathoms when it is known that the fishermen shoot their 200 fathom net only twice, once at sun-down and once again at sun-up. Half an hour in the water at these times suffices to give them from half a ton to two and a half tons of fish. One hundred pounds roughly fills a quarter cran basket, so that a ton of fish runs about two and a half crans. They sell from a cent a pound upwards."

Prof. Edw. E. Prince, the fisheries expert of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, is now on his way to New Zealand. The government there has requested his services in an advisory capacity, as a department is to be formed for the propagation and conservation of the fisheries. The Canadian Government has loaned Prof. Prince for three months.

### Put Gasoline In Water Tank.

Sch. Francis V. Sylvia was forced to return to Pensacola Friday morning, when it was discovered that kerosene had been put in the water tank. It is believed that spoiling the water supply was the work of some mischievous person as another vessel some time ago was forced to return when a dead pig was found in the water tank.

### Storm Ties Up Gill Netters.

The high wind yesterday kept nearly the entire gill netting fleet in. Only three crafts lifted securing 12,000 weight. On account of the storm again today, all are tied up in port.

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### Portland Fishing Arrivals.

Another beam trawler was tied up at the wharf at the Burnham & Morrill factory Wednesday, the steamer Ripple having come in the night before with about 115,000 pounds of fish. Nearly 1,000,000 pounds of fish have been landed within the past two weeks at the above establishment, and the handling and canning of this immense quantity in addition to the ordinary business carried on there is giving employment to a large number of people.

# STOCKED \$130,000 IN THREE YEARS

## Phenomenal Record of Captain Fred Thompson in Sch. Gov. Foss—This Winter's Mark of \$28,000 a New High Record.

All records in the winter's fresh haddock fishery have been broken this season, the trim sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, having established a new mark which has set the fleet a talking. To be exact about it, the craft has stocked the fine sum of \$28,000 in six and one-half months time, while her total stock for the year ending April 13 is over \$46,000.

The big winter's works of Capt. Martin L. Welch, Capt. Joshua W. Stanley, Capt. William H. Thomas and others a few years ago set the high mark in the vicinity of \$22,000 and \$23,000. This winter, however, several of the fleet have exceeded this figure. It has been a banner season for the Foss both as to big trips and fancy prices, Capt. Thompson always hitting the market at a most favorable time.

Capt. Thompson commenced his

season April 18 last year, and fished halibuting to September 28, when he shifted over to haddock. Up to April 13, his good craft made 22 trips and stocked \$46,488.75 clear of wharfage, commissions, etc., each of the crew sharing \$1016 clear to a man.

The Foss has been a regular money-making machine ever since she went into commission, May 18, 1912. She has been in command of Capt. Thompson all the time, and the first year stocked \$42,000 and the next, \$41,000 which added to this year's big work makes a total of nearly \$130,000.

Capt. Thompson's rise to the front rank of high liners has been phenomenal, and his three years' record is one that will long stand forth in the fisheries. He is one of the youngest school of skippers, a genial and most affable fellow to meet, and every inch a hustler and hard worker. His large host of friends wish him a continuance of success, which he has fairly earned by hard work and good judgment.

### T WHARF CATS ON THE HIKE.

#### Quit Old Home for New Fish Pier by Night.

Police officers and others whose duties or mode of living bring them to the vicinity of the Northern avenue bridge, Boston, late at night have been wondering why it is that a line of cats has been seen nearly every night for the past week wending its way over toward the South Boston flats. The reason for the exodus of cats from the city proper to the lower end of South Boston has just been learned.

A curious police officer said that he watched some of the felines several nights ago and discovered that they came from T wharf and were headed for the new fish wharf in South Boston.

When the headquarters of the fishing industry moved from T wharf to the new Commonwealth fish pier a short time ago many of the homeless wharf cats were left behind on T wharf. With the departure of the fishing vessels and stores the only thing that looked natural at T wharf was the army of cats. The army is being rapidly depleted, and at the rate the cats are now migrating to South Boston T wharf will soon be catless and the new pier will be well supplied with mascots.

## LITTLE CRAFTS REACH KEY WEST

A letter received from Capt. Dean S. Crocker, who started for Gulfport, Miss., with sch. N. A. Rowe, 11 weeks ago, the schooner having been sold to parties at that place, announcing the arrival of schooner at Key West, Florida, on Saturday, having been delayed on the passage by storms.

Sch. Cherokee which was also sold to southern parties and sailed about the same time, was also at Key West. No details of the trip were written but are expected later.

The N. A. Rowe was expected to proceed to the fishing grounds from Key West and secure a trip of fish before proceeding to her home port.

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